

# DAME FORTUNE SMILES ON BENNING MEETING

Weather Conditions Favor an Auspicious Opening.

## THOROUGHBREDS IN FORM

Track Gives Promise of Being Very Fast—Unmasked Scheduled to Start as Favorite in Spring Handicap—Must Reckon With Some Good Ones.

Favorable weather conditions have made a wonderful improvement in the Benning track, and there is not a trainer on the grounds but is taking advantage of it, and sending his horses along for all they are worth. The approach of Tuesday, when the meeting opens, makes this a necessity, and trainers realize there is not a moment to be lost if they intend to race in the early part of it.

Judging from the way some of them are sending their charges along, the meeting cannot begin any too soon, so that when the bell rings calling the thoroughbreds to the post on the opening day, it will find the majority ready and fit.

## Conditions Improved.

It is true that up to ten days ago the conditions were bad for training, but even under the very worst conditions all the horses were put through continuous shed work with no let-up, so that when the track improved they were ready for their outdoor work.

That they are stepping pretty lively was evidenced yesterday. Many of them showed exceedingly well, considering that it was the first time they were asked to go through such a hard task.

Unmask, a candidate for the Benning Spring Handicap, to be run on the opening day, did the handicap distance yesterday in 1:18. This horse does not look quite as well as he should. He appears somewhat drawn, as if he had been in training for several months instead of fresh and big, as he should look at this time of the year.

That he will go to the post a favorite for the handicap is a certainty on account of his class. Still, there are some others that he will have to reckon with, the most prominent of which are Red Path, Ohnet, Pigeon, and himself.

## Ohnet Is Fit.

It is extremely doubtful if any horse entered will go to the post as near fit as Ohnet. He has been treated very leniently by Mr. Vossburg, and it is certain that he will be fighting it out with the leaders at the finish. He is not much of a world horse, but so far he has done all that his trainer has asked of him. He got his final prep on Friday last, and is ready.

The stable of William Garth is also well advanced in its preparations to race. Two of his string, Imperial and All Saints, await only the word, and ought to win the first time they go to the post.

Of the two-year-olds at the track in which interest centers just now, the best seen so far are from the stable of James McLaughlin. Mr. McLaughlin does not hesitate to say that his string of young horses, by Ben Strum, "The Humber," the best filly he has ever trained. That is saying a good deal, as he has trained some good ones.

There are some rumors afloat, however, that Blue and Orange, by Fitz James, "Pat II," is the best in the stable. One thing sure, they are both grand looking, and should give a good account of themselves when called upon.

## Some Good Colts.

There are also some cracking good colts in the stable of W. P. Burch, but Mr. Burch is a trainer who goes very slow with his horses, it is doubtful if they will be seen at this meeting, and if at all, it will be during the last week. The Lotus Stable (Arkell & Letzer) are also a grand looking lot, but are not being hurried. A couple of smart-looking youngsters are here from the stable of J. J. Mackessy, and while a bit underbred, look as if they were of quality. One is Her Letter, by Ben Strum, "Midway," the other by Kingston—St. Cyrcian, called All Souls.

They worked three-quarters hardily, in the best work so far done at the track. Mr. Mackessy has also in his string the good three-year-old colt Flintlock, a candidate for the Benning Handicap, but a doubtful starter.

All the horses to race on the flat are rapidly getting into shape, and while no really fast work has been shown, they are doing well, and will be ready when needed. If the horses to race on the flat are kept busy, those who are to go through the field are equally busy. They are being schooled every day, and so far are taking the jumps admirably.

Judging from appearances they are far forward in their work. Probably the best horse at the track in this division is G. W. Jenkins, and it is no exaggeration to say that he is a fifty pound improved horse over last season. If he goes to the post fit, and goes he should win the first time out—which will probably be on Easter Monday.

## Track Is Fast.

The track is in splendid condition, and if the weather holds fine, will be absolutely fast on the opening day.

Many improvements have been made, and while they must have cost considerable money, give proof that the Washington Jockey Club did not hesitate to spend it when necessary. The betting ring has been enlarged, a 50-cent bet with a bleacher grandstand has been erected, and the new grandstand of last year painted throughout.

The most noticeable improvement is a new covered boardwalk, leading all the way from the Benning Road to the grandstand. This will be appreciated by the patrons of the Jockey Club, especially on wet days, as they can leave the stand and be protected all the way to the cars.

## THE RACING CALENDAR.

Results at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, March 22.—Results of today's races; track good:

First race—For three-year-olds and upward; one mile and a furlong. Love's Labor (O'Connor), 4 to 5, won; Chaney (Helgeson), 40 to 1, second; Boot (Helgeson), 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:20.

Second race—For three-year-olds and upward; handicap, six furlongs. Four Leaf Clover (Thompson), 6 to 1, won; Maggie Davis (W. Waldo), even, second; Sir Christopher (Lindsay), 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:14.

Third race—For three-year-olds and upward; selling; one mile and a quarter.

## TEN BEST BOWLERS.

Ups and Downs in Averages Caused by the Week's Surprises.

The past week has been full of surprises, agreeable and otherwise, for bowlers in District Bowling League circles.

The sensational work of the Golden Eagles in their sets with the Jolly Fat Men and the Y. M. C. A. was the talk of the league, and the result of those contests sent the Eagles' averages away up, and they deserved it. This was the "ups" of the game.

On Friday night came "downs," when the Eagles very unexpectedly dropped three games to the Business Men's Club, of South Washington.

The result of those games tended to lower the averages of the losers to some extent, but not enough to affect the increase gained early in the week.

According to averages made since the list of the best ten bowlers was printed last Sunday, Rodrick, of the Jolly Fat Men, now has first place, instead of Rice, who goes to seventh place. Harlow, of Carroll, takes second place, and Brown, of the Golden Eagles, jumps from No. 3 to third place. Ludwig, of the Eagles, takes fourth, and Krauss, of Y. M. C. A., now enjoys the distinction of being in the high roll. Ludwig still holds single game record, with 238.

Following is the list of the leading ten:

Games.	Plas.	Av'ge.
Rodrick, J. F. M.	42	71.24
Harlow, C. E.	48	70.29
Brown, G. E.	48	69.23
Brown, C. E.	48	68.23
Brandt, G. E.	54	68.23
Rice, C. E.	54	68.23
Smith, H. E.	54	68.23
Ludwig, G. E.	45	75.13

## GENTLEMAN JIM IN QUEST OF MONEY

Offers to Take on Fitz or Champion Jeffries.

Red Robert Refuses to Fight at Los Angeles—Has His Doubts About Genuineity of Match.

(Special to The Washington Times.)

NEW YORK, March 22.—Fitzsimmons declared this afternoon that he will not fight at Los Angeles on any terms, and that if he does not hear from Jeffries or from some other club by Monday he will quit. Friends tried to persuade him to hold off until April 1, but Fitzsimmons said in reply:

"As far as Los Angeles is concerned, I'm done, and unless there are indications Monday of some other club coming forward I'll do no more training. I am over very heavy training expenses, and all to advertise this stuff of a champion, who is trying to force me to fight in his own club, on his own terms, to say nothing of any chances of getting 'done,' as happened at Frisco when the Earl gave me a good thrashing."

## Needs Big Money.

"There is no doubt in my mind that Jeffries and Delaney are members of this Century Club, and that is why he wired me we could draw a \$50,000 house there, and that the Frisco club were very bad. Yet out of that \$50,000 house we cannot get a \$25,000 guarantee."

Fitzsimmons directed that a telegram be sent to Jeffries telling him of his decision.

RICHMOND, Va., March 22.—James J. Corbett telegraphed from this city today to Robert Fitzsimmons, offering to take the latter's place in the mill scheduled between Fitz and Jeffries. Corbett gives no explanation of his proposition. He simply says he will fight the boxer on the terms embraced in the Jeffries-Fitzsimmons agreement.

Speaking of the matter this evening, Corbett said:

## "Any Old Terms."

"I am willing to fight Jeffries on any club terms he may accept, provided they are not beyond reason, and if Fitz can get anybody to put the money for him I will also fight him according to the same agreement."

"I can beat either of them, and am willing to bet \$5,000 a side wager that I can. I want to fight Jeff again just to prove that I can give him a longer turn than I could three rounds and beat the champion."

## Princeton Opens Its Season.

PRINCETON, N. J., March 22.—The Princeton team played its first game of the season here with Rutgers this afternoon, and defeated the latter club 25 to 9.

## BENNING OPENING.

Handicap and another good track for Saturday. Boxes for both on receipt of \$2. Address BOX 229, this office.

## A 10-1 SHOT.

If you want the winner of the Benning Handicap, become one of our numerous subscribers. This horse will be at least 10 to 1, and if he fails to win I will give you one week's information free.

For Wednesday a couple of good ones, and for Thursday a red-hot one. This one has never been in the hands of a speculator, and is a speculative opportunity with the "plunger" or shrewdest bookmaker. Thousands of dollars are spent by the Maxim & Gay Company in the collection of this information, and no one or six "plungers" or bookmakers could afford the expenditure it makes each week. Billed down the question is one of money, plus brains. The Maxim & Gay Company employ both and that is why it succeeds.

The Maxim & Gay Company's track experts are the most experienced and cleverest in the country. They have the best wire because it pays most for their services. For weeks they have been watching the preparations of the horses that will "sport silk" during the meeting of the Washington Jockey Club which will begin at Benning Tuesday. They have lines on every contender in each race on the opening day.

## OLD PURISIMA

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## GEORGETOWN ROUTS LAFAYETTE'S TEAM

Pennsylvanians Narrowly Escape a Shut-Out.

## VARSIITY SHOWS UP STRONG

Hit Ball Out in Lively Fashion and Display Speed in the Box—Trio of Twirlers Tried and All With Success—Play Fast and Snappy Throughout.

Over 600 baseball fans saw Georgetown overwhelm the Lafayette team on the varsity campus yesterday. Georgetown had a walkover from start to finish. The West End collegians had fifteen runs to show as a result of the day's work, while the visitors could boast of but a single tally.

The visitors would have been blanked, had not Mackay, a Georgetown twirler, in the last inning hit three of the visitors and forced in a runner.

Georgetown's hitters were out in force, and they saw their favorites put on a rattling good game. In every department the play was fast and snappy. Georgetown showed up exceptionally strong in the pitching department, all four of her twirlers being given a chance. The batting and base-running were also up to the mark.

## Need Training.

The Lafayette team is quite a strong aggregation of ball tossers, but they have not practiced for some days, and were consequently in bad form. Johnston, their star twirler, was in the box, and had received proper support would have held the locals down to a small score.

The infielders made several costly mistakes, which gave outfielders much to do in the line of chasing the hot ones which the infielders were unable to get. Fifteen hits were secured off Johnston's delivery, all of which were made to count.

Lafayette was given first crack at the leather, the initial trip going out in order. Georgetown was off at the jump. The first man up was given his base on balls and was advanced to second on an error. Third was reached on a bunt, with the bases full. Drill, the next man up, hit, and bowling made Georgetown's first run. The next batsman followed with singles, and when the third man went out Georgetown had six runs.

## Georgetown Piles Them Up.

Georgetown accumulated two more in the third inning, and added another in the fourth.

Fay was sent in to try his luck in the fourth inning, and did good work. Two runners of the Blue and Gray crossed the plate in the fifth, another in the sixth, and three more in the eighth, making total fifteen.

Lafayette was unable to get a man as far as the second base for five innings. Everyone who started from first to second in the hopes of stealing a base was caught napping.

In the ninth Mackay was sent into the box to do some twirling. He started off by giving a man a base on balls. After this he succeeded in curving the upstart into the sides the three men who followed. This gave the visitors their first and only run.

## All Given a Chance.

Drill, Drake, and O'Donnell were all given a chance at the receiving end of the battery and did well. Georgetown played sixteen men during the game. The variety promises to be in the best possible shape when they play the crack "Big Four" teams during the first week in April. The tabulated score follows:

## GEORGETOWN.

	R.	IR.	PO.	A.	E.
Dowling, 1b	2	15	0	2	2
Moran, s	1	2	1	4	0
Moxon, 2b	1	1	1	2	0
Drill, c	1	0	5	2	0
O'Donnell, c	0	0	0	0	0
Drake, c	0	0	0	0	0
Borman, 2b	1	2	0	0	0
Dissell, c	0	0	0	0	0
Appier, c	1	1	0	0	0
Harris, c	2	0	0	0	0
Golden, 1b	1	1	0	0	0
Sullivan, 1b	1	0	0	0	0
Blawie, p	0	0	0	0	0
Ray, p	1	2	0	0	0
Connelley, p	1	0	0	0	0
MacKay, p	0	0	1	0	0

Totals.....15 15 27 11 7

	R.	IR.	PO.	A.	E.
Currier, s	0	1	1	2	2
Hubley, 2b	0	1	6	2	1
Irvin, c	0	0	1	2	0
Ernest, 1b	0	0	0	0	1
Stitzer, 2b	1	0	2	4	1
Hill, 1b	0	0	1	3	1
Johnston, p	0	0	2	0	0
Crawford, p	0	1	1	0	1
Launet, c	0	1	0	0	0

Totals.....1 3 24 11 7

## Score by Innings.

Georgetown.....6 0 2 1 2 1 0 3 3-15

Lafayette.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1-1

Summary—First base on balls—Off Johnston, 5; off Blawie, 2; off Ray, 1; off Cox, 1. Struck out—By Blawie, 1; by Ray, 2; by Cox, 1. Sacrifice hit—Morgan. Stolen bases—Dowling, Morgan, Drill, Dorman, Appier, 1; by pitcher—By Mackay, 3; by Johnston, 1. Passed balls—Drake, 1. Umpire—Mr. Betts. Time of game—One hour and fifty-five minutes.

## CARROLL INDOOR GAMES.

List of Events and Entries for the Big Affair.

The indoor games to be given on April 1 by Carroll Institute, promise to be the most interesting this popular organization has ever given. The contests are open to members only and will be for the championship of the institute in the several events.

The first prize in each event will be a gold medal and will be presented to the winners immediately after the games by Ashley M. Gould, esq., United States District Attorney.

The medals are donated by the following admirers of clean athletics: Messrs. Ashley M. Gould, M. J. Colbert, J. A. Cahill, George T. Cox, Edward N. Bowman, Richard Voigt, Parker, Bridget & Co., C. Shen and Maurice A. Joyce.

The officials who will conduct the games are: Prof. M. A. Joyce, referee and announcer; E. N. Bowman, J. A. Kellner, Krauss, J. E. Driver, and M. A. Joyce, and George T. Cox recorder.

The programme of events is a strong one, and will show off the work taught by Mr. Joyce to the best advantage. Between the contests exhibitions will be given which will prove entertaining as well as interesting, and these will consist of boxing by George Carter and M. Ambrose, and Breshnan and Whalen, and an acrobatic act by Professor Joyce and members of his junior club.

Following is the list of events to be contested and the entries for each:

Putting 15-pound shot—J. H. Boswell, R. J. Downey, H. B. Cullen, James Thompson, P. J. Ford, R. F. Brooks, P. J. Clary, E. J. Crowley and W. H. Boswell.

Running high jump—J. P. Jones, M. H. Boswell, J. M. Hoadler, R. Harding, R. T. Brooks, James Brooks, L. J. Mills, P. J. Graw, F. J. Clary, R. J. Downey, P. J. Ford and J. S. Boswell.

Standing broad jump—F. A. Kerr, F. J. Clary, R. F. Brooks, James Thompson, R. J. Downey, F. M. Tate, F. R. Hughes, P. J. Ford, J. E. Driver, E. J. Crowley, M. H. Boswell, H. B. Cullen and J. S. Boswell.

Wrestling, light weight—A. R. Quantrell, C. E. Lefoe, F. Kerr, J. Thompson, L. J. Rully and A. Hollander.

Wrestling, heavy weight—J. H. Boswell and M. H. Boswell.

Foat race—A. L. Windover, A. R. Quantrell, A. Hollander, F. M. Tate, J. E. Driver, P. J. Ford, E. J. Crowley, F. J. Clary, J. M. Hoadler, James Thompson, R. T. Brooks and F. R. Hughes.

Chasing the Red Hen—Frye, P. V. Keating, F. J. Clary, P. J. Ford, A. R. Quantrell, J. B. Jones, M. H. Boswell, James Thompson and J. S. Boswell.

## Schooner Yacht Bohemian.

Charles H. Bruce, of this city, has purchased, through Frank N. Tandy, the forty-six-foot schooner yacht Bohemian, owned by Durbin Horne, of Pittsburgh, Pa. The Bohemian, though not of modern design, is a comfortable and safe cruiser. She was designed by D. J. Lawlor, of this city, and built by Mr. J. M. Bolander, Mr. Horne purchased her several years ago and used her for cruising purposes along the New England coast. Last year a new covering was put on the stern and the entire craft modernized. She has fine accommodations and is a very able boat.

## Junior Baseball.

The Young Golden Eagle baseball team would like to arrange games with nine averaging fifteen years. The team consists of E. Snook, pitcher; P. Bonasra, catcher; E. Lewis, first base; C. Brandt, second base; W. O'Connell, shortstop; C. Merlat, centre field; H. Webb, right field; J. Seals, left field. Address challenges to P. Bonasra, 114 D Street, northwest.

## But One Run to Spare.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 22.—Yale had a narrow escape at the hands of Manhattan, having lost one run to spare.

## Yale Wins.

Yale.....0 0 0 0 1 1 0 9-8

Manhattan.....1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0-2

Batteries—Garvin and Windsor; McPhillips, Thibault and Duffy.

## ANNUAL AUTOMOBILE SHOW NEXT MONTH

Will Be Held at Light Infantry Armory.

Has Social Endorsement and Promises to Be a Great Success—Some of the Leading Exhibitors.

What promises to be one of the most interesting affairs of the season is the automobile show announced to be held in the Light Infantry Armory one week, beginning April 7. The exhibition is to be held under the direction of the Washington Automobile Dealers' Association, and will be made as elaborate as the space will allow. The hall is not as large as that used for the first show a year ago, but it is so very conveniently located that it will doubtless serve the purpose better. While not as large as the first effort in this direction, the show will be comprehensive and will show in detail all that is best in the field of power driven vehicles, whether they be electric, steam, gas or what not. Non-owners will be as much interested in the demonstrations as the owners and enthusiastic users of the modern vehicle driven in a modern way.

## Endorsed by Automobile Club.

Socially the affair promises to be one of the most attractive features of the post-spring season, and all society represented in the diplomatic, army, navy and professional circles will feel a personal interest in the success of the show and will lend its presence to make it so.

The National Capital Automobile Club, of which Lieut. Gen. Nelson A. Miles is president, has approved and endorsed this show, and as its membership is very large, this endorsement is valuable in that it spreads the interest in the affair.

## Society Is Interested.

Nearly all the diplomatic families are enthusiastic over the show, and their interest in the coming event is already shown in the number of enquiries about some of its features, and many of their suggestions will be acted upon by Manager Washington.

The Chinese Ambassador is an expert chauffeur, and he is one of the enthusiasts upon the subject. The pretty niece of the Russian Ambassador, Countess Cassini, is another "mobiler," who is interested. Mr. Cranchan, of the British Embassy, is fond of his electric trap, which he spins along with skill.

## Local Enthusiasts.

Among other well-known people who are enthusiasts upon the subject and therefore interested in the show and in anything that pertains to the advancement of their favorite pastime are the family of Senator Depew, C. C. Bloomer, Senator Wolcott, Secretary Long, Senator S. B. Elkins, Dr. H. D. Frye, Gen. George H. Harries, Dr. Ralph Jenkins, Mr. Clarence Norment, Dr. Wylie, Mr. T. E. Waggaman, and Secretary of the Navy Long.

The recent addition to the local array of handsome motor vehicles are those of Senator Clark of Montana, which is said to have a record of a mile a minute, and the "Red Devil" of Hon. O. H. P. Belmont. Both these remarkable vehicles may be found on exhibition for a short time.

## Some of the Exhibitors.

The space for exhibition purposes is necessarily limited, but Manager Washington has so allotted the space that all the leading makers will have opportunity to show their best and most attractive vehicles to the best advantage. Among those who have secured space are: The American Cycle Manufacturing Company, Waverly Electric and Toledo Steam Carriages, Oldsmobile Gasoline Carriages, Columbia and Riker Electric Company, Rose Manufacturing Company, American Electric Vehicle Company, and Baker Motor Company.

Attractive features of entertainment will be provided, and altogether it will be a gala affair.

## Navy an Easy Winner.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 22.—The Naval Academy opened the season of baseball today by defeating the nine of Johns Hopkins University by a score of 17 to 3. Campbell's home run with two men on base was the feature. Ruckelshaus pitched well and Weaver played his usual steady game behind the bat.

## Boxing.

Batteries—Garvin and Windsor; McPhillips, Thibault and Duffy.

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